

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING QUERIES

~~Apparatus for processing queried~~Queries which ~~queries~~ may be expressed in natural language, ~~the apparatus comprising~~ are processed by: (i) ~~decoding means for~~ decoding a query into one or more semantically meaningful query elements; (ii) ~~accessing means for~~ accessing data storage, which data storage includes at least one annotation element and one or more corresponding data entries; (iii) ~~identifying means for~~ identifying annotation elements in accordance with the semantically meaningful query elements; and (iv) ~~retrieval means for~~ retrieving at least one data entry corresponding to each identified annotation element.

Figure 1